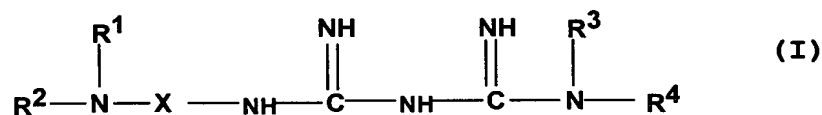


### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-8 and Claims 13-19, and amend Claims 9-12 as indicated below. The status of all of the claims following entry of these amendments will be as follows:

Claims 1-8 (cancelled)

Claim 9 (amended) A compound of the following formula:



wherein:

R<sup>1</sup> is selected from the group consisting of alkyl (C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>20</sub>), aminoalkyl (C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>20</sub>) and cycloalkyl (C<sub>3</sub> to C<sub>20</sub>);

R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> are the same or different and are selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl (C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>20</sub>), aminoalkyl (C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>20</sub>) and cycloalkyl (C<sub>3</sub> to C<sub>20</sub>); and

X is selected from the group consisting of alkyl (C<sub>2</sub> to C<sub>10</sub>) and alkyl (C<sub>2</sub> to C<sub>10</sub>) substituted with cycloalkyl (C<sub>3</sub> to C<sub>20</sub>);

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

10. (Amended) A compound according to Claim 9, wherein R<sup>1</sup> is alkyl (C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>20</sub>), and R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> are selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and alkyl (C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>20</sub>).

11. (Amended) A compound according to Claim ~~10~~ 9, wherein X is propyl, R<sup>1</sup> is methyl, R<sup>2</sup> is dodecyl, R<sup>3</sup> is hydrogen, and R<sup>4</sup> is selected from the group consisting of 1,4-dimethylpentyl, heptyl, decyl and N-methyl-N-dodecyl amino propyl.

12. (Amended) A compound according to Claim 44 9, wherein R<sup>1</sup> is methyl, R<sup>2</sup> is dodecyl, R<sup>3</sup> is hydrogen, R<sup>4</sup> is 1,4-dimethylpentyl, and X is propyl. --